

Today's Scripture: **Proverbs 27:11-22**

“Is this friendship empowering...or depleting?”

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in *building up* the church. **1Corinthians 14:12**

1. **Depleting Friendships** (verses 13-16)
2. **Empowering Friendships** (verses 17-21)

1. **Depleting Friendships** (verses 13-16)

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with **loud** singing. **Zephaniah 3:17**

The Lord...will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his **commendation** from God. **1Corinthians 4:5**

He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. **1Samuel 2:8**

2. **Empowering Friendships** (verses 17-21)

“As looking in water, a face looks to a face, so is a mans heart to another” **Prov 27:19** literal

Humility: “I care about your interests as much as my own”

Respect: “I will always guard your reputation & dignity”

Trust: “I believe you have noble motivations and intentions”

